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1. REFTEL PROMISED COMMENTS ON FRENCH AND NETHERLANDS
ATTITUDES IN RELATION TO NATO CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING
(CEP).

2. SINCE 1967 CEP COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN CAREFUL
TO KEEP CEP ACTIVITY "AT FIFTEEN" BY PRESERVING THE
CIVIL CHARACTER OF FRENCH PARTICIPATION. THIS HAS
WORKED WELL AND FRENCH MEMBERS HAVE APPRECIATED THE
COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE OTHER ALLIES.
ON THEIR SIDE, FRENCH CEP PARTICIPANTS HAVE ATTEMPTED
TO CONTAIN THE INTERNATIONAL PLANNING EFFORT WITHIN THE
PURVIEW OF THE SECRETARIAT GENERALE DE LA DEFENSE
NATIONALE (SGDN). AT TIMES POLICY ASPECTS OF PLANNING HAS
INVOLVED THE QUAI, AND PROGRESS HAS SLOWED WHEN THE FRENCH
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REPS HAVE FELT REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR INDEPENDENCE
BY REFUSING TO COMMIT THEMSELVES ON DEFENSE-RELATED
MATTERS. RECENT PLANNING IN THE CIVIL AVIATION PLANNING
COMMITTEE (CAPC), DEALING WITH SACEUR'S RAPID RE-
INFORCEMENT CONCEPT, HAS INVOLVED THE FRENCH IN A TRICKY
"TECHNICAL" AREA IN WHICH THEY HAVE PROVIDED INFORMATION
ON FRENCH CIVIL AIR FIELDS WHICH WOULD ACCOMMODATE
REINFORCED FLIGHTS. AS LONG AS THIS REMAINED
A TECHNICAL EXERCISE, THE FRENCH WERE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE
TO NATO CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND THE ALLIANCE'S DETERRENT

CAPABILITY. HOWEVER, ONCE NATO BEGINS TO CONSIDER THE DEFENSE IMPLICATIONS OF CIVIL AIRFIELDS, WE WILL RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES. ACCORDING TO OUR FRENCH COLLEAGUES, THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT AND MATTERS DEALING WITH SHAPE'S AIRLIFT STUDY HAVE BEEN SUBJECT OF SCRUTINY AT THE ELYSEE, SINCE TINE (QUITE UNLIKE THE PREVIOUS PERMREP DE ROSE, WHO LET HIS STAFF HANDLE THESE MATTERS) TENDS TO REFER THESE ISSUES TO THE QUAI RATHER THAN THE FUNCTIONAL ADMINISTRATION CONCERNED. THIS IS THE REASON FOR HIS STATEMENT AT THE APRIL 20 NAC THAT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WILL ADDRESS THE SUBJECT IN LONDON. WE EXPECT THAT THIS STATEMENT WILL DRAW THE LINE BETWEEN PLANNING FOR "DETERRENCE" AND PLANNING FOR "DEFENSE," WHICH INVOLVES AN IMPLIED COMMITMENT OF FRENCH CIVIL RESOURCES.

3. REGARDING THE NETHERLANDS' SILENCE AT THE SAME NAC, THE DUTCH CEP REP TOLD US THAT, WHILE HIS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HAGUE WERE TO ACCEPT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PO, THE HAGUE'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE SO MUDDLED AND EQUIVOCAL THAT THE DUTCH PERMREP WAS ADVISED BY HIS STAFF TO REMAIN SILENT RATHER THAN FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS AND RISK EMBARRASSMENT. THE DUTCH CEP EFFORT IS IN SOME RESPECTS QUITE SIMILAR TO THE FRENCH BUT THE FORMER'S IS GOVERNED BY NATIONAL CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY PARLIAMENTARY FUNDING. THE DUTCH CIVIL PREPAREDNESS OFFICE, THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING ORGAN FOR ITS NATO CEP ACTIVITY, IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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LIMITED TO CIVIL MATTERS AND ANYTHING WHICH SMACKS OF MILITARY SUPPORT IS BEYOND ITS MANDATE. HOWEVER, THIS LIMITATION IS NOT UNIFORM PARTICULARLY IN MINISTRIES DEALING WITH TRANSPORT AND SUPPLIES. THE DICHOTOMY IS REFLECTED IN THE CONTRAST BETWEEN RATHER NARROW, "STRICT CONSTRUCTIONIST" ATTITUDE TAKEN BY DUTCH REPS TO THE SCEPC PLENARY (HENCE FROM CENTRAL CIVIL PREPAREDNESS OFFICE) AND THE MORE FORTHCOMING, PRAGMATIC POSITIONS OF DUTCH MEMBERS OF SPECIFIC PLANNING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, WHO ARE USUALLY FROM OPERATING MINISTRIES. STREATOR

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